

The Black Crowned Night Heron Report

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I am doing a report on the Black Crowned Night Heron. Its the Hawaiian name is the Aukuu. Its scientific name is the *Nycticorax nycticoras*.

The Black Crown Night Heron is an attractive bird to watch. The Night Heron has a chunky, stocky body with short strong legs and a neck. A young Black Crown Night Herons are brown and streaked with white. The eye of an juvenile Black Crown Night Heron is a yellowish and the Black Crown has grey legs.

The female Black Crown Night Herons are a little smaller than the males. The feathers of a Black Crown Night Heron is gray with a distinctive black cap on its head. There is also 2 to 3 narrow white feathers on the back of its head. The Black Crowns back is black and its neck, stomach, and some of its forehead is white.

In breeding season the feathers on the Black Crown Night Herons back have a bluish-green gloss and their legs become red. The wings and tail become blue, and gray. In the third year for the Black Crown Night Herons, they fully grow their feathers. The Black Crown Night Heron has four toes, three pointed in the front and one in the back. Its probably because they could defend themselves from other birds or just predators.

The Night Heron are founded in marshlands. They are found in other places than the marshlands like the Ponds,swamps, tropical mangroves, streams, rivers, lakes, and mud flats. Sometimes you could find the Black Crown Night Heron in rice fields and other habitats near water. They also are found in Hawaii.

Interesting facts about the Black Crown Night Heron are, that the Black Crowns breed on the prairies and the park lands of Alberta. The bird spends the winter near the coast of the United States Of America. And that is my report on the Black Crown Night Heron.